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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on July 1, 1998 at 9301/0784.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 9 pages.
- Information disclosure statement, 1 page with PTO-1449, 2 pages, listing documents cited in the parent or cited by the Examiner in the parent application. Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials.
- Copy of declaration and power of attorney (4 pages), which was filed in the parent application. Please enter in this application.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 10/620,565, filed July 17, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 09/652,652, filed August 31, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/996,357, filed December 22, 1997, which, under 35 USC 119, claims the benefit of a foreign priority application filed in Japan as serial number 08-358956 on December 30, 1996. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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